



California implements water security and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives

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Abstract:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been implementing initiatives and activities to help water system prepare for threats and disasters, ranging from terrorism to natural events such as earthquakes, pandemic influenza, brush fires, and drought. The CDPH has developed and conducts training on crisis and emergency risk communication. This training includes the Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Tool kit, which comprises detailed information to help community water systems maintain effective communication with the public during emergencies. The CDPH, in conjunction with the local water system laboratories, has developed Emergency Water Quality Sampling Kit (EWQSK) for use in confirming the presence of unknown contaminants that may have been introduced into a drinking water systems. Hazardous materials technicians and specialists can use the kit if an incident poses a risk to onsite personnel.

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Extreme Weather Event, Food/Water Quality, Food/Water Security

Extreme Weather Event: Drought, Wildfires

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

United States

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

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Health Outcome Unspecified

Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Resilience:

capacity of an individual, community, or institution to dynamically and effectively respond or adapt to shifting climate impact circumstances while continuing to function

A focus of content

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified